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CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Summary for the month of December, 1907—Plague and smallpox—Rat catch in 1906–1907.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, December 21 and 28 and January 1 and 8:

Week ended December 21. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on November 2. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on November 2. Quarantinable diseases: Smallpox, 3 cases, 2 deaths. Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 6.

Week ended December 28. Quarantinable disease: Plague, 1 case, 1 death. Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 11.

Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of December, 1907, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the insular territory, and the Republic of Panama.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health.....	35
Sailing vessels inspected and granted bills of health.....	2
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin.....	0
Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the Quarantine Regulations:	
(a) Personnel.....	4, 053
(b) Passengers.....	468
Required to bathe and undergo special examination:	
(a) Personnel.....	2, 381
(b) Passengers.....	554
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws controlling immigration:	
Aliens.....	472
Rejected.....	261
Baggage:	
(a) Inspected and labeled.....	29
(b) Disinfected and labeled.....	2, 935

Quarantinable diseases: Plague, 1 case, 1 death; smallpox, 4 cases, 3 deaths.

January 8. For the week ended December 14, 1907, there were 154 deaths, being 24.3 per 1,000 of the whole colony. Of these deaths, 1 was due to smallpox.

RAT CATCH.

The total number of rats caught in the colony in 1907 was 38,520, of which 28 were plague infected. During the preceding year, 1906, 30,701 were caught, of which 679 were plague infected.

CUBA.

Reports from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Yellow fever at Santa Clara—History of yellow-fever case at Santa Clara previously reported.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thomas reports, February 17 and 20:

Week ended February 15.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	18
Vessels not inspected and bills of health issued.....	6
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	763
Crew of outgoing vessels not inspected.....	224

Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	735
Passengers of outgoing vessels not inspected.....	3
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing.....	7

During this period one new case of yellow fever was reported at Santa Clara, the capital of the province of that name.

The case of yellow fever reported as having occurred February 15 at Santa Clara was taken sick February 9, and confirmed as yellow fever February 15. The patient is from the Canary Islands and has been in the island of Cuba about one year. He was taken ill on a plantation about 1 mile from the town of Santa Clara.

February 20. Two new cases of yellow fever reported to-day at Santa Clara; United States soldiers.

February 22. One new case of yellow fever to-day at Santa Clara; a soldier.

Reports from Santiago—Inspection of vessel—Work of fumigation continued—Observation of nonimmunes—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, February 12 and 20:

Week ended February 8. Bill of health was issued to a vessel bound for the United States. The vessel was not fumigated. This is the last bill of health on which I will mention the case of yellow fever that died January 16. Beginning with next week I will give clean bills of health.

No quarantinable disease has been reported. The work of fumigation of the lower part of the town continues. A close watch is kept on nonimmunes.

February 20. One case of yellow fever.

HAWAII.

Reports from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports that during the week ended February 1, 116 rats were examined bacteriologically at the plague laboratory of the Service at Honolulu. No plague infection found.

Week ended February 8, 187 rats examined. No plague infection found.

INDIA.

Reports from Calcutta—Transactions of Service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, January 23:

During the week ended January 18, a bill of health was issued to the steamship *Dragoman*, bound for Galveston, with a total crew of 54. The usual precautions were taken, the holds fumigated, rat guards placed on the wharf lines, and the Asiatics' effects disinfected.

During the week ended January 4 there were at Calcutta 49 deaths from cholera, 14 from plague, and 6 from smallpox. In Bengal during the same week there were 459 cases of plague, with 354 deaths.

In India during the week ended December 28 there were 3,725 cases of plague and 2,741 deaths, and during the week ended January 4 there were 3,402 cases of plague, with 2,618 deaths.